

**MINUTES
of the
THIRD MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**September 23-24, 2021
Anton Chico Development Center
Anton Chico**

The third meeting of the Land Grant Committee for the 2021 interim was called to order by Representative Miguel P. Garcia, chair, on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 10:26 a.m. at the Anton Chico Development Center in Anton Chico.

Present

Rep. Miguel P. Garcia, Chair
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino (9/23)
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle (9/23)
Rep. Christine Trujillo

Absent

Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Rep. Rachel A. Black
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Michael Padilla
Rep. Joshua A. Sanchez

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Susan K. Herrera (9/23)
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (9/23)
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (9/23)

Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Linda M. Lopez

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Michelle Jaschke, Researcher, LCS
Anthony Montoya, Staff Attorney, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the

"Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Thursday, September 23

Welcome and Introductions (10:26 a.m.)

Marvin Marquez, deacon, Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church, provided an opening invocation for the meeting. Representative Garcia then welcomed all in attendance and asked the legislators, staff and attendees to introduce themselves.

Welcome and Status Update (10:52 a.m.)

Stoney Jaramillo, president, Anton Chico Land Grant-Merced, welcomed the committee to Anton Chico and introduced the individuals joining him in his presentation, including Andrea La Cruz-Crawford, attorney, The Streeper Firm LLC, and Evaristo Maestas, commander, American Legion Post 101. President Jaramillo provided the committee with the land grant-merced's capital improvement plan priorities for the coming years, including: critical building renovations and restorations; a land survey of common lands; improvements to and building of parks in Colonias, Tecolotito and La Loma; drilling and constructing livestock and farming water wells; and building a veterans memorial wall. Commander Maestas elaborated on the request to build a veterans memorial wall, and Ms. La Cruz-Crawford updated the committee on the legal issues facing the land grant-merced.

Representative Garcia and Senator Ortiz y Pino requested that a letter be drafted to the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department requesting assistance and guidance in enforcing the land grant-merced's rights to its natural resources. **(11:55 a.m.)**

Water Transfers and Water Leases for Acequias (12:17 p.m.)

David Benavides, managing attorney, Land and Water Rights Project, New Mexico Legal Aid, provided the committee with a legal overview of water rights and current issues facing traditional use communities statewide. Paula Garcia, executive director, New Mexico Acequia Association, explained to the committee current water issues faced by acequias, including water adjudication by the Office of the State Engineer, and Ms. Garcia provided recommendations on how to address these issues. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20092321%20Item%202%20Water%20Transfers%20and%20Leases%20NM%20Legal%20Aid%20and%20NM%20Acequia%20Association.pdf>.

Building the Next Generation of Leadership for Traditional Land-Based Communities: Acequia-Land Grant Education Project (1:58 p.m.)

Adrian Sandoval, director, Center for the Education and Study of Diverse Populations, New Mexico Highlands University; Jacobo D. Baca, Ph.D., research historian, Land Grant Studies Program, University of New Mexico; and Ms. Garcia discussed cross-cultural education

programs to provide a holistic learning experience, including culturally relevant educational materials relating to Hispano, Indigenous and Anglo cultures. The presentation documents can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=9/23/2021&ItemNumber=3>.

Building the Next Generation of Leadership for Traditional Land-Based Communities: Land Grant Youth Outreach Program (2:52 p.m.)

Arturo Archuleta, program manager, Land Grant Council, and Dr. Baca discussed current youth outreach proposals, including cross-generational interviews and culturally relevant education. The presentation documents can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=9/23/2021&ItemNumber=4>.

San Miguel del Bado Status and Challenge: Preserving a Foundational Community Asset (3:34 p.m.)

Joe Chavez, president, San Miguel del Bado Land Grant-Merced, and Eva Artschwager, M.A., A.B.D., director, El Valle Community Center and Villanueva David Cargo Library, provided the committee with a status update on the San Miguel del Bado Land Grant-Merced, including proposed renovations to the community center that serves the land grant-merced. The presentation documents can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=9/23/2021&ItemNumber=5>.

Lower Gallinas and Los Vigiles Status Updates and Wildfire Incident Report (4:33 p.m.)

Joseph Padilla, board member, Los Vigiles Partitioned Land Grant, provided the committee with a status update on the Los Vigiles Partitioned Land Grant and the Peterson wildfire's effect on the area.

Friday, September 24

Anton Chico Tour

Committee members met in Anton Chico and toured numerous sites within the community.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.